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Ogg named next vice chancellor for Academic Affairs SGA votes for sustainable restrooms



Dr. Jerald Ogg fields questions from UTM's faculty in an open forum. Ogg was named vice chancellor by Dr. Tom Rakes on Monday. (Pacer Photos/Will York)

Will York
Senior Reporter

Dr. Jerald Ogg's 21-year commitment to UT Martin was bolstered Monday as Chancellor Tom Rakes named him the university's next vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Ogg was the only internal candidate among the 32 applicants and has served as the interim director in the position since July 2007, when Rakes was elevated to chancellor.

The vice chancellor for the Division of Academic Affairs oversees all academic aspects of university life, including faculty hiring and retention, assessment, technology and

curriculum.

"This is a very special campus," Ogg said, "and I have been humbled throughout this process by the support of so many faculty, staff and students. I look forward to working with Dr. Rakes and the academic leadership team to ensure we continue to provide the personal, rigorous education for which we have long been recognized."

Ogg was one of three finalists recommended to Rakes by an advisory search committee chaired by James Byford, dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

"(Ogg) has the confidence of most of the people on

campus," Byford said. "He has a clear picture of what we are about at UTM and has a proven track record of being able to work through problems in a positive way. I'm just tickled to death."

Byford acknowledged some people's concerns that a candidate from outside UTM would be best suited to move the university into the future, but said, "I don't think that's the case with him at all."

Ogg consistently scored high in evaluations by faculty and students during his campus interviews earlier this month, Byford said.

Ogg was one of four
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Casey Curlin
Pacer Writer

The Student Government Association Senate passed their first piece of legislation this semester recommending hand dryers and waterless urinals in buildings under construction.

Sen. Eric Lipford, Campus Observation Committee chairman, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the reasons and functions for making the switch from paper towels and urinals with water, which he said would help reduce waste.

Lipford emphasized that waterless urinals and hand dryers would be more resourceful without being costly.

"The list price for waterless urinals will run about \$600," he said. Cartridges are \$35 each and last four months. That is \$140 a year. So you take that and subtract it from the \$250 that we're saving from water usage, and we will still be saving about \$110 per year (per urinal)."

According to Grand Rapids, Mich.-based Falcon Water Free Technologies, a waterless urinal provider and water conservation company, waterless urinals save water by having no flushing mechanism. Fluids pass directly to the drain without any water being used to wash them down.

Wal-Mart Inc. has selected Falcon as their provider for water-free toilets at their pilot "green" stores.

The legislation included using hand dryers in restrooms as opposed to paper towels because paper towels are not recyclable. Since July the university has already spent \$8,700 on them in public buildings alone.

"Hand dryers are energy efficient and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, which goes with the 'green' that campus is trying to accomplish," Lipford said.

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Civil Rights Conference celebrates King's legacy

Jon-Michael St. Amant
Pacer Writer

As Black History month comes to a close, UTM hosts its eighth annual Civil Rights Conference Feb. 25 through March 1 under the theme "Civil Rights 40 Years After Dr. King's Death."

The keynote speaker for this event, Kathleen Cleaver, is slated to speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center. Cleaver, a law professor and former member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee as well as the Black Panthers, will lecture on the same topic as the theme of the conference.

The conference will hold different events each day, with each event pertaining to a different facet of civil rights.

Opening ceremonies began on Monday in Watkins Auditorium with a discussion of "Greek Organizations and the Civil Rights Movement" followed by the video "Amazing Grace," which chronicles a member of the British Parliament and his efforts to abolish slavery and the slave trade in the British Empire at 7 p.m. in the Norman Campbell Lecture Hall.

Tuesday's focus is on Native American Civil Rights Day. The morn-

ing's session is "Caps of Destruction," an exercise to increase student awareness of racial and gender privileges and stereotyping led by Dr. Jennifer Levy, Counseling Center interim director in room 206AB of the UC.

Keynote speaker for Tuesday is Lynn King Lossiah, an artist, writer and long time activist for the civil rights of Native Americans. Lossiah will be available for a book and art print signing following her presentation at 5 p.m. at a dinner in the student cafeteria in the UC.

Minority Affairs Day on Wednesday begins with "Honoring Black Writers: A Literary Reading" at noon in the Hortense Parrish Writing Center, Room 209 of Humanities.

At 1 p.m. in the Student Life Center, UTM's ALLIES student organization is co-sponsoring a talk from Chris Saunders, president of the Tennessee Equality Project. The talk will focus on how the Civil Rights Movement affected the civil rights struggles of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people.

The following day, Thursday, Feb. 28, will offer three panel discussions. These discussions include "Black Student Struggles of 1968 and 1969," led by Thulani Davis, "Martin Luther King and the Civil

Civil Rights Pop Quiz

1. Rosa Parks was arrested in Alabama for doing what on a bus?
2. Which world figure influenced Martin Luther King Jr. with his nonviolent protest strategies?
3. In its 1954 decision on Brown vs. Board of Education, the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation where?
4. Executive Order 9981 signed by President Harry Truman in 1948 ended segregation in what governmental agency?

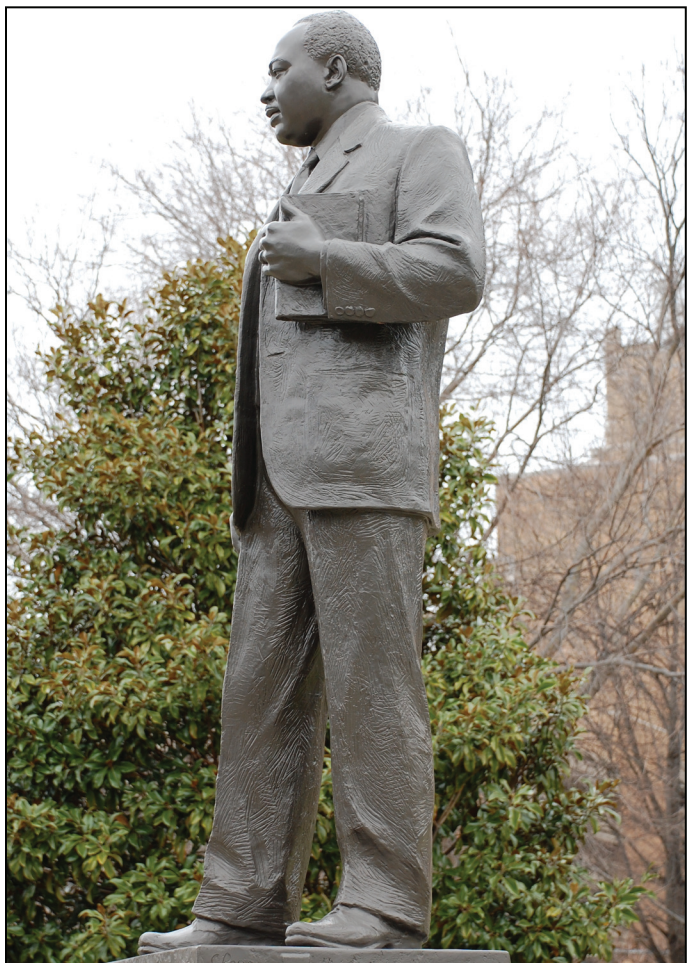
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Rights Movement," led by Diane Nash and Cynthia Griggs Fleming and "40 Years Later: Desegregation or Resegregation," led by Ray Stevenson.

Thursday evening events conclude with the keynote speech from Cleaver.

On-campus events for the conference will end on Friday, Feb. 29 with the showing of "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till" at 7 p.m. in Campbell Auditorium, followed by a panel discussion. This film is a documentary investigating the murder of Emmett Louis Till which is thought to be the catalyst of the Civil Rights Movement.

Finally, the conference will end on March 1 with a field trip to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis. The museum is located at the old Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Additionally, Rev. Samuel Kyles, one of the last men to see Dr. King alive will meet and talk with students at the end of the museum tour.



A statue of Dr. Martin Luther King overlooks a park in Birmingham, Ala., 40 years after the death of the civil rights leader. (Pacer Photo/Matt Cook)

Maddox: Legislature set to act on changing lottery rules

Will York
Senior Reporter

State Rep. Mark Maddox said Monday that he anticipates the Legislature will revise the requirements for keeping the lottery-funded scholarship—a mission the Democrat from Dresden has championed since the lottery's inception in 2004.

Maddox has held six meetings with constituents this month focusing solely on the scholarship for Tennesseans studying at the state's colleges and technical schools.

"I think folks in West

Tennessee understand the lottery scholarship is about access to higher education," Maddox said in a telephone interview from Nashville. "And I think you will see the Tennessee House move this session to say that."

Maddox hopes legislators will act to revise the minimum grade point average students must maintain to keep the \$4,000-per-year award from 3.0 to 2.75 and to modify the point where the money runs out.

Under the current scholarship rules, funding for students runs out after 120 credit hours attempt-

ed, which Maddox said "encourages students to take less hours and get less of an education."

Lawmakers are divided on how to disburse the state's expected \$447 million surplus in lottery revenue, and a Senate subcommittee last week discussed ideas ranging from giving special funds to students studying to become teachers to Maddox's idea of lowering the GPA requirement.

The House and Senate couldn't agree on an omnibus lottery bill during last year's legislative session;

the Democrat-controlled House wanted to lower the retention figure to 2.75, but the Senate—where Republicans hold key leadership positions—wouldn't go along.

The House and Senate are poised for yet another showdown this session.

Gov. Phil Bredesen, a Democrat, has supported lowering the GPA requirement in addition to using half of the surplus to create a \$200 million endowment for underprivileged students who want to go to college.

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Lottery Reserve: Too much of a good thing?

Gov. Bredesen: Put \$200 million into endowment, use interest to expand scholarships to 15,000 lower income students.

House Democrats: Use \$200 million for the "Energy Efficient Schools Initiative of 2008."

House Republicans: Use \$150 to \$200 million for a K-12 grant program to help with capital construction needs in the 136 school districts. The money would be divided proportionally, based on the number of students per district.



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Our View

Editorial:
Changes in work world are everywhere

He slung his words at us like darts. “He” was editorial mentor and consultant Paul Conley, our keynote speaker for the Southeast Journalism Conference (SEJC) convention attended by most of *The Pacer* staff this past weekend. Conley preached his Web-first message, told us why we weren’t ready (and hadn’t been well prepared) for the current journalism job market, and we could taste our fear.

The Pacer has some ideas, but don’t be afraid.

We need more multimedia skills, he said, because that’s where we’re going as a business. Newspapers as we have known them for decades will not last against the onslaught of online mania, he said, so either we accept change or we die. He cited numerous examples of white-collar journalism jobs being lost in large mergers, in layoffs and in “outsourcing” as media companies scramble to pour resources into their online operations. We’ve watched so many manufacturing jobs go overseas, but never thought it could happen to us. Well, now it has, and now we have to deal with it. Don’t get us wrong – we didn’t think Conley’s mes-

sage was entirely negative. He offered tips on how to get the good jobs in journalism that are emerging from the shift to new media. He explained the specific skills he believes we need and what we must learn and do before we go job-hunting. He also emphasized that the ethical considerations and writing skills we embrace as good storytellers will remain essential. We at *The Pacer* are already taking some of the advice to heart, though we always are skeptical of wholesale change. For example, we are launching a blog that we hope will get our readers interested in “talking” to us about the real issues we face at UTM. We will conduct our own research, look closely at our operation, and then continue to brainstorm on ways to best embrace change and still meet your needs. Some of our ideas might be considered radical, but we’re betting they won’t seem so outlandish in a few years. Yes, our initial fear was a normal reaction to the speech we heard, but what is fear if not a challenge in disguise? Challenges, after all, are exciting. Stay tuned.

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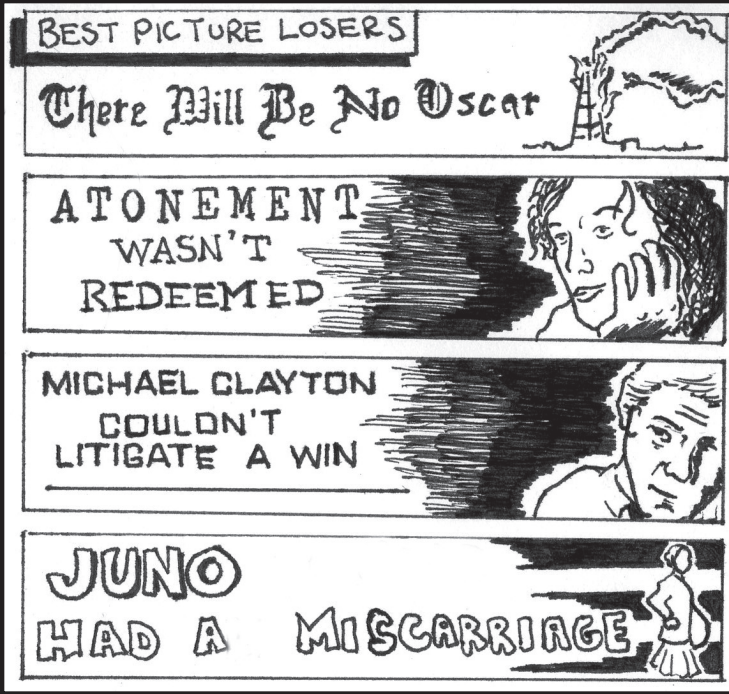
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The Pummeling Pen



Demonstrating courtesy, respect in classes benefits all parties involved

Micheal Yandell
Guest Columnist

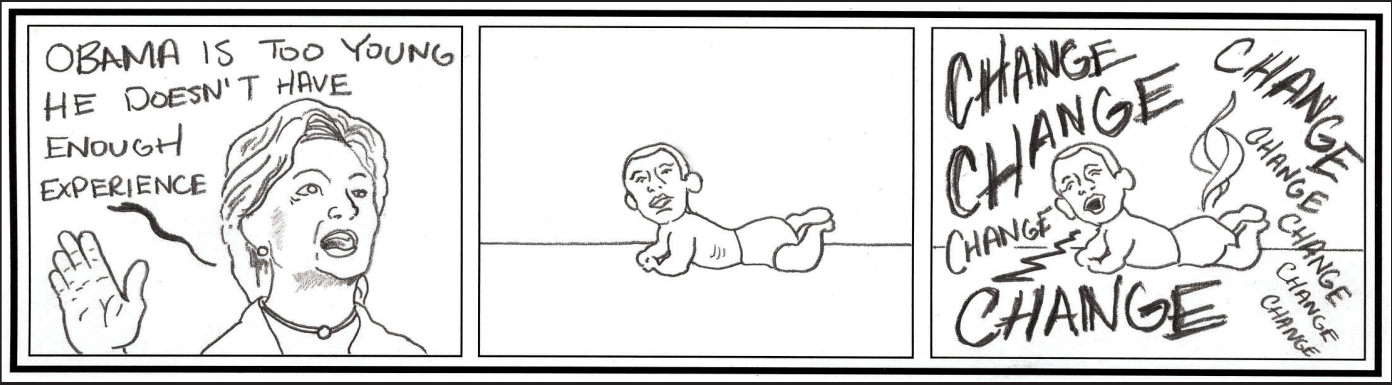
I study music at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Before enrolling in classes in the spring of 2006, I spent my first four and a half years out of high school as an active soldier in the U.S. Army. I understand that most of my fellow classmates are younger, and most have not had full time jobs they depend on for livelihood. Many students have not been subjected to the type of life I had to lead. I get it. I enlisted. It was my choice. I was glad to serve, and I am also glad that military service remains an option for young people, not a mandatory duty. I became angry in class yesterday when I realized

that instead of listening to the professor who holds doctorate in the field of study, I was listening to petty complaints from fellow students during class. I have a right to take advantage of the education I have paid for, and I do not think that I should be forced to listen to mindless drivel from students who do not wish to work towards understanding difficult material. If a class seems like a waste of time, then there are options. Perhaps a bitter student should not attend class, or if the class is a degree requirement, perhaps a change in degree choice is necessary. Everyone should feel able to complain, but complaining is only appropriate among friends and colleagues during free time. Wasting minutes of valuable class time

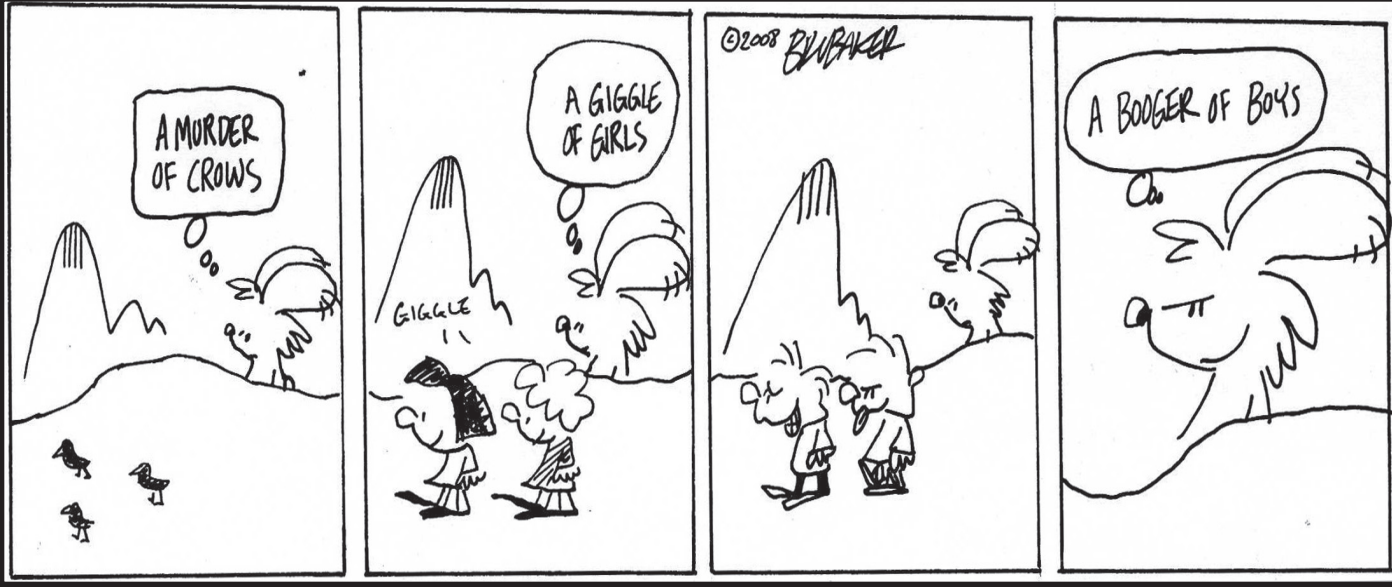
violates the right of every other student to learn efficiently. Mocking a professor during the middle of a class is rude, insulting, and disrespectful to everyone in the room, and hearing these comments literally turns my stomach. I witness this in every class I have attended. I know good intelligent people who worked their lives away grasping for the opportunity to sit inside of a classroom, and every ignorant wise-crack seems to disgrace them and every professional involved in education. I realize that college and the civilian world are different from the army, where disrespect is simply not tolerated. When I think that many of the people I see on campus are aspiring to be teachers of some sort,

I dread the day when my own children may have to sit in a classroom governed by a teacher who has had absolutely no experience in being respectful, courteous, or even professional in any environment. I wonder if most students of my generation feel that on their first day of work they can skip out early, or inform their supervisors of how they feel certain aspects of the job are wasting their time. I wonder how society will continue to function when the “highly educated” among us hold almost no capacity to defer to authority, or even respect it. I wonder if I can stomach this distasteful, blatantly rude behavior that permeates a whole generation long enough to get my own degree.

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Library provides interesting insight into student life on campus

Ah! The splendid walls of the Paul Meek Library, home to thousands of books, free computer use, Seattle's Best coffee and incessant chatter.

Incessant chatter? But who, where, how?

Most shockingly, it is the student, at the desk, with the cell phone.

Remember, if you will, back to the glory days of library etiquette. The times when annoyingly strict librarians would shush you for tapping your No. 2 pencil too loudly on the books you lay slaving over for hours. Remember the "be quiet! People are trying to study" signs on every structural post and the general respect people had for the person studying near them. Remember the times when students came to the library to check out books, to do research, or most importantly, to find a quiet place of serenity where the environment was both comfortable and conducive to productivity.

So maybe not all glorious, but today the library has become a perplexing space for students; its purpose is no longer reflective of the days of yester-year. Mornings are flooded with students rushing to either print off or finish a last minute paper or cram in some last minute studying before their nine o'clock test. The afternoons are more relaxed as people make their way in and out coming to or from a class, checking out a book for later in the week, or camping out during a time gap in between classes. Nighttime, students get down to business; they come to load up on caffeine, use the free internet access, and at top priority, to generally get stuff done.

The perplexing part is when some students come in with or end up participating in a mission that is inconsistent with the majority's. These people leave others in the library thinking, "why are you



Amber Niblock
Guest
Columnist

here?" The most frequent (and my personal favorites) are the tagalong, the wanderer, the cell phone junkie, the socialite, and more.

The tagalong has only one purpose for coming to the library: because a friend made them. This reason alone causes problems that go unrealized to either party. Out of boredom the tagalong often tirelessly subjects the friend to conversations concerning nothing of high importance and certainly nothing pertaining to the work his friend came to do. The irrelevant chatter forces library neighbors to listen to the insignificant concerns of a bored, but loyal tagalong, and restricts his or her friend from accomplishing their work.

The wanderer, obviously not a student, strolls the library floors with no particular place to go or task in mind. This person may pass you dozens of times in an hour long sitting and although harmless and often quieter than the average library user, students can't help but wonder and speculate what the wanderer is doing there.

Although I doubt a description of the cell phone junkie is needed, I must note that they are notorious for forgetting to put their cell phone on vibrate after already subjecting those around them once with an abrupt ringtone version of "gonna-buy-you-a-drunk," and that taking a phone call outside hearing distance (or not at all) does not occur to them- neither has text messaging. Cell phone junkies just aren't very polite.

The socialite, whether a light to us or not, only come to the library to talk...about themselves...a lot. And while everyone's favorite subject is themselves, I am

sure their neighbors could spare hearing about Friday night's escapades or the new flashlight on sale at Wal-Mart.

The saddest story of all is that of the guilt-ridden's. A student struggling in one of their classes decides to use the library as his or her study hall time. So distracted by the surrounding socialites and cell phone junkies, accomplishes nothing only to continue struggling in their class and thus, puts in more hours in the library where the cycle continues.

Now while the guilt-ridden should catch on, it is safe to say that traditional library etiquette has been far removed from the UT Martin campus for some time now. Instead of the polite nod as you pass somebody you know in the library, people stop to have a full length conversation. People hog the private group rooms to download their favorite music and laugh so loud the entire upstairs attendees can hear.

Many of us, not excluding myself, are not missing the olden days. Not? Yes, I am the last person who wants dictator librarians sending soul-penetrating stares in my direction with every jingle of my backpack or whisper to my neighbor. I much more prefer the friendly staff we have now at the Paul Meek Library. But I would like us to incorporate some of the old with the new.

My advice is, cell phone junkies, learn to text message. Socialites, send an email. Tagalongs, don't tagalong. Guilt-Ridden, consult a Supplemental Instructor. Wanderers, carry on, you keep it interesting. All library goers, keep it to a whisper, don't encourage your friends (no matter how funny it may be), and only come to the library to do work.

Lying is a multi-faceted problem that solves nothing

Heather Peterson
Pacer Writer

With headlines accusing presidential candidates of lying, and morning news shows debating if an athlete has used performance-enhancing drugs, it is easy to wonder if anyone still tells the truth.

When was the last time you lied? Why did you lie? I'm sure you think your justification is acceptable for why you lied, but is it really OK to lie? And yes, even little white lies and lies by omission are just as wrong as blatant lies.

I'm no longer a liar. I used to be the one who would hide things from people in an insane effort to make things easier for the ones I love. Well, let us just say that practice ended badly, so after the torture of being used, but never being forgiven I vowed never to lie again.

However, when I stopped lying and started making

a habit of telling the truth, I then realized how easily everyone around me lied. Most of them stick to little white lies, like why they didn't do their homework. In their eyes, it's better to tell their professor they

"I'm sure you think your justification is acceptable for why you lied, but is it really OK to lie?"

were sick or a family member died instead of they just forgot to do the work or didn't want to do it.

The other trend I have noticed lately is people lying to themselves, which I will never understand. What point does it serve to lie to yourself? Even if you say, a million times, "I'm over so and so" or "I love you" to someone, if it's

not real saying it a million times won't make it real. Maybe that's where people need to first begin to learn how to stop lying.

Of course trying not to lie does have its drawbacks. I received a speeding ticket the other day. Instead of trying to talk my way out of it like I have on other occasions, when I was asked if I knew why I was pulled over I said it was because I was speeding. Obviously, I still got the ticket, but at least I didn't lie.

How many of you would be willing to stop lying about everything? Even if you don't stop lying, just think about how many times you lie and why. Are you really protecting yourself or a loved one by lying? If you are caught lying, even if it was to protect them, you could lose a loved one and that is never a price that should be paid.

Students agreeing to disagree is worthy of applause



Ashley Totty
Editorial
Assistant

the university or not and we have received support regardless of our decision.

Even those with opposing religious views from me were very hopeful that the group would fair well. Many people also approached me about my first editorial and expressed their acceptance for difference in religion as well as their hope that things work out.

I am ecstatic to see that my original thought that my religion would be frowned upon by those who did not understand it has proven mostly false. We will all face persecutors who will disagree with our opinions in some way or another, but I am glad to see that this has not pressed so far as to

cause division and anger between those with opposing views.

I have attended a few of the UTM cross fires here on campus as well, and I think that students have done a wonderful job of expressing their varying points of view on subjects without making the disagreement into a harsh violent argument.

Students have been able to express their opinions in a civilized and dignified manner without resorting to the tearing down or denial of another's beliefs. It seems that UTM has agreed to disagree in the varying aspects of life.

I encourage everyone to know that no matter their viewpoints, race, gender, religious beliefs, or whatever they should feel proud of whom they are and know that UTM is a place where they can be accepted as just that.

No news is not always good news



Kirby McBride
Copy Editor

On Feb. 9, about two weeks ago, I came home to eat lunch and started feeling weird. It felt like my heart was coming up into my throat beating twice and going back to normal. I didn't know what to think at first, maybe it was something that I had eaten or something that would only last the weekend. That's what I thought at least.

By Sunday, I was still having that weird feeling but there were chest pains coming and going during the day, I also felt like I was not getting enough air when I breathed. I was beginning to think that I might have the early signs of a heart attack or something really bad was going on.

With the continuing chest and back pains, by Wednesday I was getting really worried and decided to call my practitioner. I called and got hold of one of his nurses and she told me that I should go to the emergency room or Student Health.

I didn't really want to go to either because it had been going on for over a week, and I thought I would be fine for at least one more day until my doctor's appointment the following afternoon.

The next day I planned to go to at least one class before I had to head back home to my appointment. I woke up feeling even worse and

decided to head on home; by the time I got halfway there I started having tightness in my chest and was getting overtly worried.

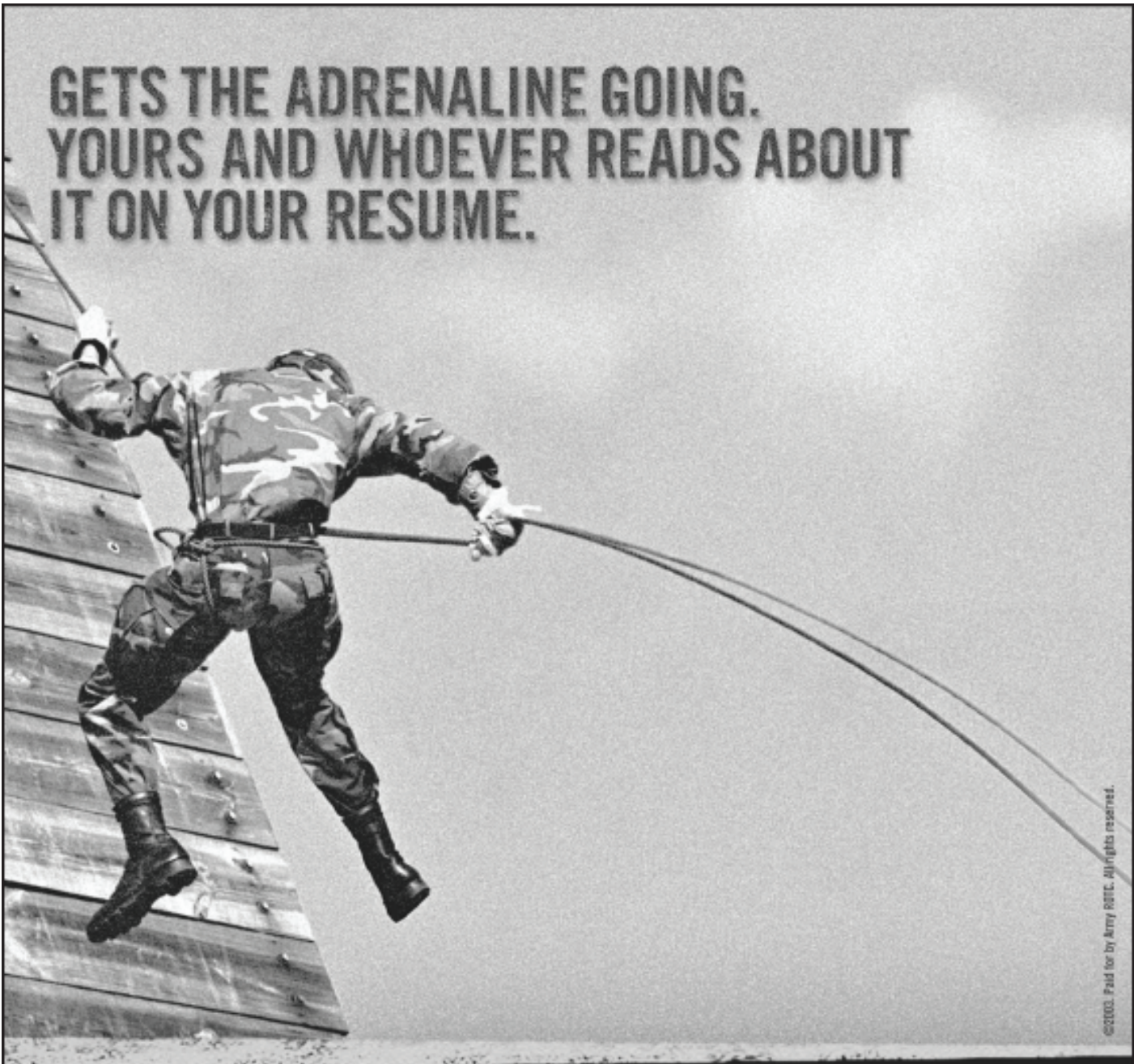
When I got to the doctor's office he examined me and decided to run numerous amounts of tests, consisting mainly of blood work, an EKG, an echocardiogram and put a holter monitor on me for 24 hours.

After looking at the tests that had already come back he decided that it was possibly my allergy medicine, Singular, that had been causing me to have heart palpitations. But he told me that he didn't see any reason for me to stop taking the medicine until they were sure. I kept taking the medicine and kept having palpitations. I promptly stopped taking the medicine, and the symptoms stopped.

I have still not heard anything back from the doctor and decided over the weekend that I would just stay off of the medicine and stick to the only allergy pill that I have left.


I don't believe that a doctor should have to guess at what a patient has and then not even call back when all of the tests should have been in. I found it very odd and unreliable that I had to take it upon myself to stop the medicine; he thought I should have kept on taking it. It's messed up when a person cannot even rely on her own doctor. A person is supposed to be able to go to the hospital or doctor's office and depend upon being given a diagnosis. Not being able to rely upon having a diagnosis makes a person believe they cannot rely upon doctors.

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Melissa Kimble
Pacer Writer

The United States Army's AASLT or Air Assault School, teaches soldiers proper techniques & procedures for conducting airborne helicopter operations. Air Assault School is a 10 ½ day course that teaches Air Assault techniques and procedures, and qualifies soldiers to wear the Air Assault Badge. It consists of three phases: Combat Assault, Slingload Operations and Rappelling Phase. Different technique needs for conducting airborne helicopter operations are proper sling load techniques, knots and fast roping. All of these are taught in the program. "It instills a higher degree of leadership values, confidence and unit camaraderie,

which is essential for combat readiness. Confidence is definitely one of the more noticeable after effects," said Paula Comerlato, a student at UTM and Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. "The biggest thing I gained was experience," said Daniel Wilson, a sophomore at UTM who graduated from the program in December 2007. "It will make you better as a cadet and will prepare you for the Army physically and mentally and you will learn discipline. There is nothing to lose but a lot to gain when you go there." To become involved, a student must be an R.O.T.C. Cadet who is nominated by the Cadre (Military Science Professors) based on physical fitness and a number of other categories. The individual must not only be able to pass the Army

Physical Fitness Test which consists of timed push-ups, sit-ups and a two mile run, but also, pass the 12 mile road march (with 35 lbs. of equipment) in no more than three hours. The courses taken at Air Assault School include: Air Assault, Pathfinder, Pre-Ranger, Basic Airborne and Jumpmaster Refresher, Rappel Master and Fast Rope Insertion/Extraction (FRIES)/Special Patrol Insertion Extraction (SPIES) Master courses. R.O.T.C. offers a number of schools, such as AASLT & Airborne training, to provide Cadets with an understanding of the rigorous training that is required of soldiers, to provide an opportunity to gain confidence in technical areas, and to provide Cadets the chance to lead and learn.

Rakes leads talk on safety, security, other issues at recent faculty meeting

Elaine Wilson
Pacer Writer

Chancellor Tom Rakes cited safety and security issues as a top concern for upcoming campuswide discussions in a faculty meeting last week. Rakes said in the wake of campus shootings at Northern Illinois University and tornadoes at nearby Union University this month, the university needs a more comprehensive plan on communicating the best practices in the event of an emergency. "Before the end of the semester, we anticipate completing plans for offering a series of suggested action strategies for faculty, staff and students along with plans for locating a centralized audio-alert system," Rakes said. "We're going to meet with people who are experts on dealing with this sort of thing." He acknowledged that some measures were in place already—like radios in the Public Safety building as a backup measure in

case of complete electrical failure and documents posted on the Public Safety Web site, but those measures were not enough and more must be done. Rakes said that not everyone would know how to act in the event of an attack on campus and that more than an occasional drill was needed. "Would you know what should happen if there were a gunman on campus?" Rakes asked. "Do you barricade yourself in? We need to review our policy once in a while and see what is expected of it." Decisions must be made as to what to put on the university Web site related to emergency procedures, he said. He also said a review is under way of the process for cancelling class and other events after faculty and students complained earlier this semester about classes not being closed despite icy roads. Rakes told faculty he's considering ideas such as having different chimes with different meanings

ring around campus as an alert, university-wide text messaging or perhaps distributing a booklet during Freshman Welcome Week with information. If text messaging is done, how soon information should be given out was a concern, because immediate notification may not contain accurate information. Rakes also mentioned in the meeting the possibility of higher education budget cuts. Although he hopes none will come, it's too early to tell. A 2-percent across-the-board pay raise has been proposed in the Tennessee Legislature, but it has yet to be acted on. Gov. Phil Bredesen's budget proposal does not include new allocations for higher education, which puts tuition hikes on the table, Rakes said. Chancellor Rakes next spoke about the university's role in Campus Compact, a nonprofit coalition of more than 1,100 universities committed to fulfilling the public purposes of higher

education with a focus on civic engagement through sharing knowledge and resources with their communities, creating economic development initiatives and supporting service-learning efforts. Rakes added there is a possibility of a \$200,000 grant for our campus that would be the model for the UT system in implementing the program. Rakes next noted that current estimates project 1-to-3 percent enrollment growth next semester, with perhaps one-half of that coming from UTM's off-campus locations. He confirmed that dorms under construction are on schedule to open in the fall, along with the renovations of the Business building. Rakes told faculty the biggest obstacle to overcoming unity within the University of Tennessee system was actually its flagship—the Knoxville campus. Ideally, Rakes said, campuses would be able to share resources,

but there are plenty of logistics to be worked out, including the question of who would coordinate such sharing. The final issue of the meeting was brought up by Dr. Jerald Ogg concerning prayers at graduation. Ogg noted that there are upset faculty members on both sides of the prayer issue at this public university's graduation ceremonies, but noted that university leadership is trying to work toward a compromise. Ogg said the decision should ultimately rest with students. Ogg noted that the public University of Tennessee Board of Trustees opens every meeting with a prayer and no opposition has come up from that.

Pacer writer Will York contributed to this report.

WUTM now ‘Best College Radio Station’

Staff Reports

UTM is now home to the Best College Radio Station. WUTM 90.3 took first place in the competition of the same name in the Best of the South competition at this year's Southeastern Journalism Conference. "We were very pleased that WUTM came in first place," said Richard Robinson, WUTM Advisor and instructor of communications. "I think it's a tribute to the students' hard work and it's a tribute to the department and the administration for providing them with the equipment and resources to give this community a student oriented radio station." Stephanie Ryan, Program Director and News Director for WUTM, also placed second in the category of Best TV Journalist. "When you submit something you never really know what's going to happen, so when I submitted my tape to SEJC, in the back of my head I knew I'd spent sleepless nights working on this stuff, but when it all comes down to it I don't know what my competition is," said Ryan. "This is really validating to me because I watch people on TV that are so talented and I hope that someday I can

be like them. It's validating to me that I beat people from seven states so I hope I can get a job." Pacer Senior Reporter Will York was ranked number three for Best College Journalist of the Year. "I'm honored every day I work with so many extraordinary people at UT Martin who helped me earn this honor, which awarded me for the journalism work I did over the past four years," York said. "It is because of the dedication of Communications faculty that I developed the skills to be successful in this contest. I am humbled every time I set my fingers to keyboard to help write the first draft of our generation." Jennifer DeYeso, Pacer Graphic Designer, won first place in the category of Best Graphic Designer. The Pacer was the number four ranked championship team in on-site competition at SEJC: Eric White, Editorial Cartoonist, placed second in that category. Sara McIntosh and David Hampton, Viewpoints and Arts & Entertainment editors, respectively, took first place in the ethics category. Jay Baker and Jon-Michael St. Amant, Managing/News Editor and Advertising Manager, respectively, took placed first in the Public

Relations category. Matt Cook, Executive Editor, placed third in the design category. The combined rankings of the staff in their on-site competitions determined the number four ranking attained by The Pacer, a level The Pacer has not previously achieved at the conference. "The Pacer's mission is to serve students with the best news product we can give them every week, not to worry about whether we win awards," said Tomi Parrish, Pacer faculty adviser and instructor of Communications. "However, winning awards is a sweet recognition of the students' hard work and dedication to journalism, so I'm always proud when they're honored in this way." SEJC was hosted by The University of Mississippi in Oxford Mississippi. SEJC was created in 1986 with the aim to "encourage greater interest in student journalism and ... to create closer ties among journalism schools in the Southeast United States," according to the group's Web site. On the Web: <http://www.sejc.org>

Haddad discusses international finance

Matt Cook
Executive Editor

Dr. Mahmoud Haddad spends a lot of time in his borrowed office in Clement Hall, surrounded by the usual trappings of academic professors: file folders, PC, Starbucks coffee cups. Haddad breaks the standard professor mold, however, when it comes to his professional work experience. Haddad has not only taught at schools in the U.S., including Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University, but also American University in Armenia, Arab American University in Palestine and The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research in the United Arab Emirates. "I taught in English, but there were some variations in the schools," said Haddad. "In Armenia it was a lot different, because students came from a Soviet background. It was harder for them to imagine capitalism and freedom." Now entering his 16th year at UTM, Haddad teaches upper division finance classes and has recently completed research on the impact of terrorism on sovereign spread in the Middle East, which culminated in a paper presentation in Egypt. Haddad also leads a portfolio management project in which upper division finance students invest money in stocks and are responsible for every step of the process. The project has had great success, winning first place in the 2005 Tennessee Valley Authority Investment Challenge after posting a 20.22 percent return on investment. Haddad has also played an important role in international finance, serving as



the executive director of the Research Department of the Palestinian Monetary Authority. Haddad lived in Palestine in 2000-2001, leading a team of researchers to develop the Palestinian banking system. Under his leadership, the department researched efficient banking practices and financial infrastructure for Palestine. Haddad's opinion on the American economy is that it has improved since stock markets fell in early February, but said that it still faces problems. "The biggest problems are the sub prime lending market, the value of the dollar, oil prices and the federal deficit," Haddad said. "The nation's confidence in the economy has not improved, despite the Sarbanes-Oxley act and attempts to increase the liquidity of the market." "When the Fed tries to stimulate the economy by lowering interest rates, it is good in the long run, but we still have to worry about the short term," Haddad said. Life is not all business for Haddad. Outside the Starbucks and filing cabinets of his office, Haddad is a father who enjoys life in Martin, going to his children's athletic games and playing tennis on the side. "We enjoy living here," Haddad said. "Martin is a great place to raise a family."

Dieticians push National Nutrition Month as chance to make positive change

Martha Dixon
Pacer Writer

March is National Nutrition Month. During the month of March, the American Dietetic Association (ADA) is urging consumers to avoid falling prey to the myths of nutrition and instead focus on the facts. To promote this message during the 2008 National Nutrition Month, the American Dietetic Association has adopted the theme "Nutrition: It's a

Matter of Fact." The ADA—made up of over 67,000 registered dietitians and dietetic technicians—is the largest organization of food and nutrition professionals in the country. Through its members, it promotes optimal nutrition and good health for all consumers. It is the most up to date and scientifically based source of food and nutrition information. The purpose of the yearly National Nutrition Month campaign is to help consumers make informed

food choices and develop healthy nutrition and lifestyle habits. It evolved from a week-long event that first took place in 1973 known as "National Nutrition Week." By 1980, in response to growing public interest in nutrition, the event became an annual month long campaign. This year's theme encourages the consumer to beware of the many myths of nutrition generated by marketing ploys, wishful thinking, celebrity testimonials, the media and pseu-

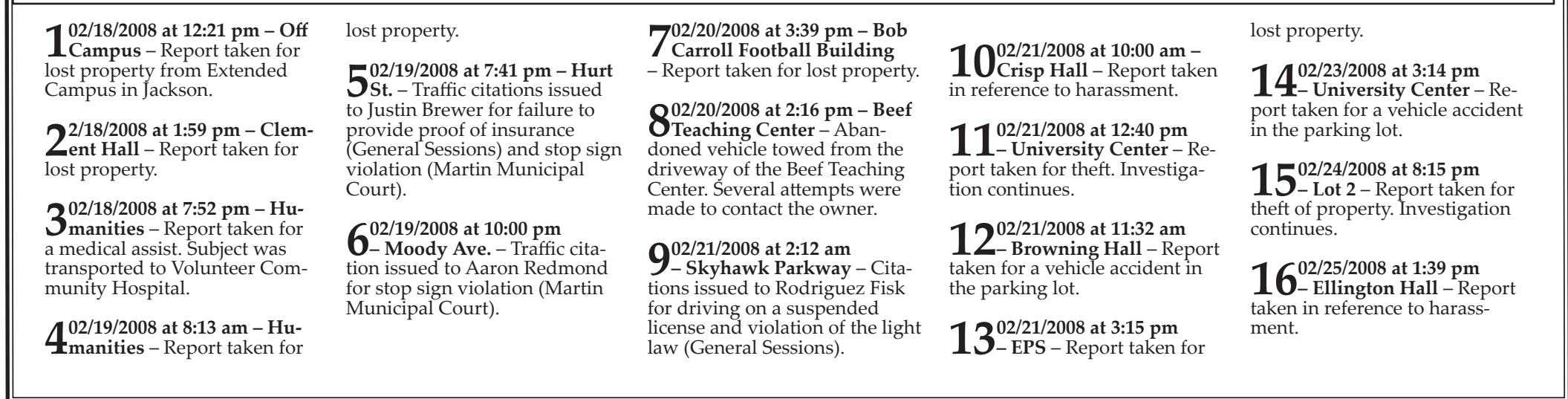
do-science. It encourages consumers to focus instead on the facts of nutrition. The ADA list the following as the Top 10 nutrition facts: 1. Eating right doesn't have to be complicated. Use Mypyramid.gov to develop a personalized plan for lifelong health. 2. The best nutrition advice is based on science. Before adopting any changes to your diet, be sure the information is based on scientific fact. 3. Get your food and nutri-

tion facts from an expert: a registered dietitian. RDs are uniquely qualified to translate the science of nutrition into reliable advice you can use every day. 4. Balancing physical activity and a healthful diet is your best recipe for managing weight and promoting overall health and fitness. 5. Think nutrient-rich rather than "good" or "bad" foods. The majority of your food choices should be packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other

nutrients—and lower in calories. 6. Look at the big picture: No single food or meal makes or breaks a healthful diet. Your total diet is the most important focus for healthful eating. 7. Prepare, handle and store food properly to keep you and your family safe from food-borne illness. 8. Don't fall prey to food myths and misinformation that may harm rather than benefit your health.

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ways to leap into your extra day

by Karen Langdon

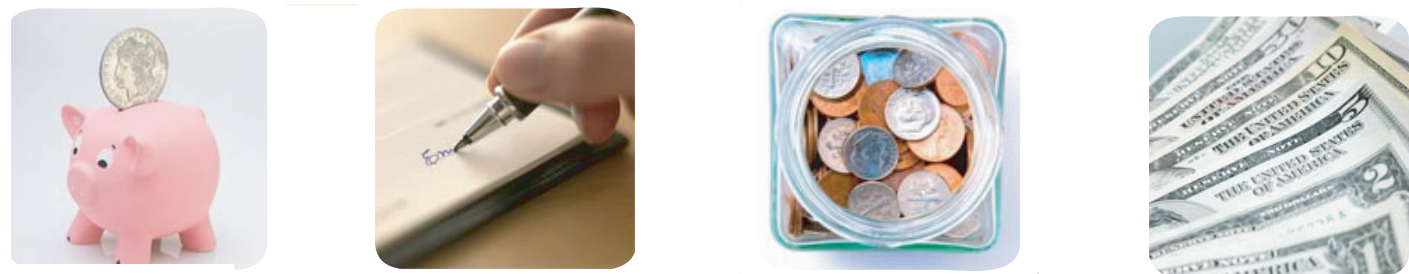
Everything revolves around time. We're always either running ahead of it, running on it, or running out of it, and nobody ever seems to have enough of it. Have you ever wished that you could have just one extra day? If so, you are in luck — this year has 366 days. That extra day just so happens to be coming up this Friday. Have you thought about what you might do with that extra 24 hours? Of course, you could use it as a chance to catch up on sleep or homework, but why do something so boring with a day that comes only once every four years? Our staff brainstormed and narrowed down our wildest thoughts (including pretending to be King of the World or writing a letter to your favorite murderer) and came up with five ways to make the most of the 366th day of 2008.

the Connoisseur



If this is you (and it's probably not, since you live in the Town of A Mexican Restaurant on Every Corner), you might be interested in expanding your tastes to include an ethnic food that you've never tried before. There may not be much variety around here, but you don't have to travel too far to find something different. Jackson offers a wide variety of restaurants, including American, Italian, Mexican, Chinese, and Japanese. Head over to the Olive Garden and order that calamari appetizer you always wondered about, or go to Sakura for some seaweed salad and sashimi. If you'd rather not drive an hour to satisfy your hunger, Union City is only ten minutes away. Have you ever had fried pickles? Check them out at Buckets, which offers discount appetizers for early birds. And if you just want to stay in town, pick up an ingredient like tofu that you've never tried and cook for yourself!

THE BLOOMING STOCKHOLDER



Open up your wallet and look inside. Chances are there's not too many hundreds in there. Most of the time, being a college kid is synonymous with being broke. But it doesn't have to be that way. Use your extra day to give a yourself a new financial beginning! If there's cash in your pocket all the time, it will get spent more quickly. If you are trying to save money, it makes sense to set up a free checking account. There are no fees to pay and it you will pay more attention to how much you're spending when writing a check than when using cash. If you have money that's not needed immediately, open a savings account. Your money will earn a small amount of interest, and most jobs will automatically transfer paychecks into a savings account, saving you the trouble of remembering to add money when the supply runs low.

the Daredevil



For those of us who like a good adrenaline rush, I can think of no better way to commemorate Leap Day than by going skydiving. It might surprise you to know that there is a drop zone in Paris, just a thirty-mile drive from Martin. Skydive Paris offers tandem jumps, static jumps, and courses in learning how to skydive by yourself. And if you'd like to share your experience with friends who aren't brave enough to take to the skies, video cameras are available to film your mid-air antics. For more information about skydiving in Paris, go to www.skydiveparis.com.

the Neat Freak



Right now, I'm willing to bet that your room or apartment is not an image of sparkling cleanliness. Lucky for you, the ideal opportunity to do something about it is coming up. Start by picking up all the dirty clothes that are lying on your floor and throwing away those Coke cans on the desk. Then pull out that vacuum you forgot you had (or steal your roommate's) and tackle the dust bunnies that have been reproducing at an alarming rate under your bed. This is also a good time to throw away some of the junk you've accumulated and no longer need. Sort out the paper and plastic and drop them off at one of the blue recycling bins around campus. Oh, and clean the aquarium for once. Your fish look like they're about to kick the bucket.

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Everybody is on Facebook. And most students have a blog somewhere or another. But a much smaller percentage of our student population have their own websites. I find this surprising, since every single student at UTM is provided with free server space to use however they see fit. You didn't know there had been a spot reserved for your personal website since the day you set foot on campus? Most students have no idea. To access your index page (which shouldn't have any files on it yet), simply go to www.utm.edu/students/username. Now that you've been informed, put that extra day to use by learning some basic HTML and see what you can do. Of course, it's easiest to create a website if you have specialized software such as Dreamweaver or Frontpage. If you're a Mac user, your computer probably came with iWeb built in. If you don't have access to such programs you can still hand code in a basic text editing application and post your experiments to the web without seeing them first. For more information about using your student website www.utm.edu/students.

Writing Center to celebrate black writers at literary reading

Jamilah Holloway
Pacer Writer

Writers have transformed the world through their works since the beginning of time, and have explored politics, sex, emotions and virtually all other facets of human experience. Some writers have been recognized more than others, and Jenna Wright

and Anna Clark, the coordinators for the Hortense Parrish Writing Center, will recognize writers from different centuries, cultures and genders. The Writing Center's feature workshop this month will focus on black writers and is entitled Celebrating Black Writers: A Literary Reading in Recognition of Black History Month. This

workshop has been held annually for about 15 years. This is the first year that it has been held in conjunction with the Civil Rights Conference. The workshop will take place this Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 12:15 to 12:50 p.m. in the Writing Center, located on the second floor of the Humanities building in room 209.

The coordinators were inspired by the National Council of Teachers of English, because they were encouraging the reading chain and wanting students to be introduced to more information than they get inside the classroom. So they created workshops to help students with their writing, and to introduce them to different literatures

and literary figures. The workshop will be comprised of students and faculty who will read the words of one of their favorite writers. Some discussion will follow to express how one appreciates the work that has been read. There will not be any analyzing of the reader or of why somebody chose what they read. Some of the featured

writers will include Anne Spencer, Nikki Giovanni, James Baldwin and Langston Hughes, among others. Attend and learn more about these writers and their contributions to American and World literature. Do not be afraid to come and learn about different cultures.

Vanguard Theatre to present 'A Murder is Announced'

Melissa Kimble
Pacer Writer

Do you love a good murder mystery? The UT Martin Vanguard Theatre will present its opening performance of "A Murder is Announced" at 8 p.m., Feb. 28, on the main stage in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. This story was adapted for the stage by Leslie Darbon. A murder mystery written by Agatha Christie, the play is full of suspense and drama and it begins with this simple yet mysterious announcement in the local gazette: "A murder

is announced and will take place on Friday, September 25th, at Little Paddocks at 7.30 p.m." The locals of the town show up, assuming it's a murder mystery party, only to get shot at and then become witnesses to the real murder of a boy no one knows. A classic crime novel, the play will constantly keep the audience guessing for answers and waiting to see more, including a second death and unidentified motives. Natalie Horbelt will be playing the lead as Mrs. Marple, a detective who has appeared in twelve of Agatha Christie's crime novels. Jay Campbell is playing the role of Inspector

Craddock. Ken Zimmerman will be directing the play. The box office will open at noon, Feb. 25. It will remain open from noon to 5 p.m. and two hours before performances. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. There will be additional performances at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 29 and Saturday, March 1, and a matinee will be shown on the following Sunday at 3 p.m. on March 2. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731-881-7090.



PAULA COMERLATO / The Pacer
Hypnotist Dale K hypnotizes a student during his appearance on campus last week. Dale K's performance was sponsored by the Student Activities Council as part of the 909 Comedy Series.



JAMILAH HOLLOWAY / The Pacer
Jody Stokes, left, poses with one of her paintings at the current senior art exhibit along with Jessica Sims, who modeled for the portrait. Stokes' collection of works includes many acrylic and enamel paintings.



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Stephanie Smoyer displays her graphic design works, including business cards, restaurant menus and various other pieces. The current exhibit will run through March 2.

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From the Geek Corner
Online banking still unsafe

Electronic banking may be my greatest blessing, and at the same time, my greatest curse. In the span of three months, the balance I keep in my checkbook has never matched with the one Online, and it wasn't until yesterday, returning from the SEJC conference in Mississippi, that I finally found out why.

A black cloud hangs over me, and that sinister cloud is identity theft.

Reviewing my online statements I discovered that for the past few months, the reason for my balance being lower than I thought was clear. Some schmuck, whose name and address I can't find (to his fortune) has been using my checking account to enlist in seedy online dating and match-making sites and much worse, really bad pornography.

Maybe I wouldn't be so annoyed if someone stole my identity to purchase something useful, like shoes or a cellular phone. At least then I could get some satisfaction from the idea that their hopes for a new cellular or shoes are shattered when they're discovered for identity fraud but porn is downright unacceptable.

And the worst part of this entire incident was my bank has not cooperated with me at all up to this point. The most they've done is cancel my card, and the customer service representative has already admitted to me that it will be a huge hassle to get a refund for the overdraft fees that resulted from this crook's spending spree.

Suddenly it all came back to me that several months ago my computer obtained a really nasty virus called virtob/virut. After looking through months of banking



Charlie
McIntosh
Technology
Editor

statements, I realized that little mystery debits were popping up left and right, under my nose, to companies based out of Australia, Canada, Russia and the United States. The virus had sniffed out all of my debit card and online banking information and sent them to various online chat programs, compromising my checking account and making all of my personal information fair game to whomsomever wanted it.

"I'm not saying that online banking isn't functional, and that it can't be trusted, but if you believe your financial information is safe on the World Wide Web then you may need to think things over."

After hearing this story, I recommend all of you check your online banking statements. You may not even realize that money is being ripped off from right under your nose.

I'm not saying that online banking isn't functional, and that it can't be trusted, but if you believe your financial information is safe on the World Wide Web then you may need to think things over. Black hat cracking and sniffing out your passwords and data is a billion dollar industry, and if you believe that these companies won't take money just because the IP address doesn't match your identity, think again.

The internet has the potential to be an extremely beneficial form of media, but it's also a no man's land in the eyes of many. Make sure your online statements match up with your ledger books, and most importantly, triple check where all of your transactions are being made.

Your statement may surprise you, or even terrify.

Blu-Ray comes out the victor, and spoils HD's plans

LaToya Brent
Pacer Writer

In the world of viewing movies within the comfort of your living space Blu-ray Disc reigns supreme. With HDTV changing the way we view normal television, it was no surprise that an optical disc format would be created to give high-definition quality to movies.

Blu-ray doesn't only offer HD quality picture and sound though. It also presents a previously unheard of storage capacity, more products than just movies, extreme durability and exclusive interactivity. Blue laser technology allows Blu-ray Disc to hold 50 GB of memory, five times the amount of DVDs. Blu-ray products include music and games. Play Station 3 has an extensive list of games offered on Blu-ray Disc. These discs have a hard coating which makes it easier to prevent scratches and makes them more fingerprint resistant.

They are also interactive beyond imagination. It is possible to bring up menus or director commentaries while still viewing a movie. Also more bonus features are available and some Blu-ray players are equipped for Internet connectivity that allows screening live updates or events relating to the disc being watched.

Blu-ray products are becoming more popular and more available. Players ranging in price from \$295.40-\$1499.80 can be purchased in some stores where electronics are sold and on on-line sites such as amazon.com. The players are made by leaders in electronics such as Samsung, Sony and Pioneer. There are currently over 2000 movie titles offered in 20 different genres on Blu-ray Disc. New releases are currently priced around \$25 and some older titles cost around \$15. The costs of all Blu-ray products are expected to decrease as they become more popular.

Wal-Mart is one of many

companies that are moving toward making Blu-ray Disc and players the only format of high-definition hardware and movies it carries. Wal-Mart made this a definite decision on Feb. 15. Walmartfacts.com says that customers seem to prefer this format over others offered. Martin Wal-Mart currently carries over 20 Blu-ray movie titles and a full selection of PS3 games that are Blu-ray formatted. The movie titles include several recent releases such as "The Game Plan" and "Superbad." The PS3 is the only system that this store offers right now that plays Blu-ray Disc. Electronics department employees at this Wal-Mart say they expect to offer players very soon. There is only one Blu-ray player other than the PS3 offered on walmart.com; it is made by Sony and is priced at \$369.54.

The Blu-ray Disc Association has expectations of Blu-ray Disc replacing DVDs. It is evident that this will not happen until HDTV

becomes more recognized as a common format. Blu-ray Disc has qualities that leave DVDs in the dark. With the capacity to hold up to 9 hours of high definition video and offer amazing interactivity Blu-ray Disc outshines other formats.

If you are thinking of making the change to Blu-ray doing away with your DVD collection will not be necessary because Blu-ray players will support them. They are backwards compatible and the discs are the same size. This is also true for CDs. DVDs only support standard definition and can not satisfy the needs of high definition. Blu-ray products are the future of in-home video viewing, but are not limited to this task. They are also synonymous with other electronics such as computers, videogames and recording media. For an HDTV owner, Blu-ray would be the best choice for a home entertainment addition.



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Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

UT Martin's *The Pacer*, the college publication that you're holding in your hands right now, finally has its own blog on the Web.

You're probably thinking the words "shameless self promotion" right now, and we can assure you, we have no shame. But where else would our readers find out about our brand new blog?

The truth is, a *Pacer* blog is long overdue, and we're merely providing yet another service to our loyal readers.

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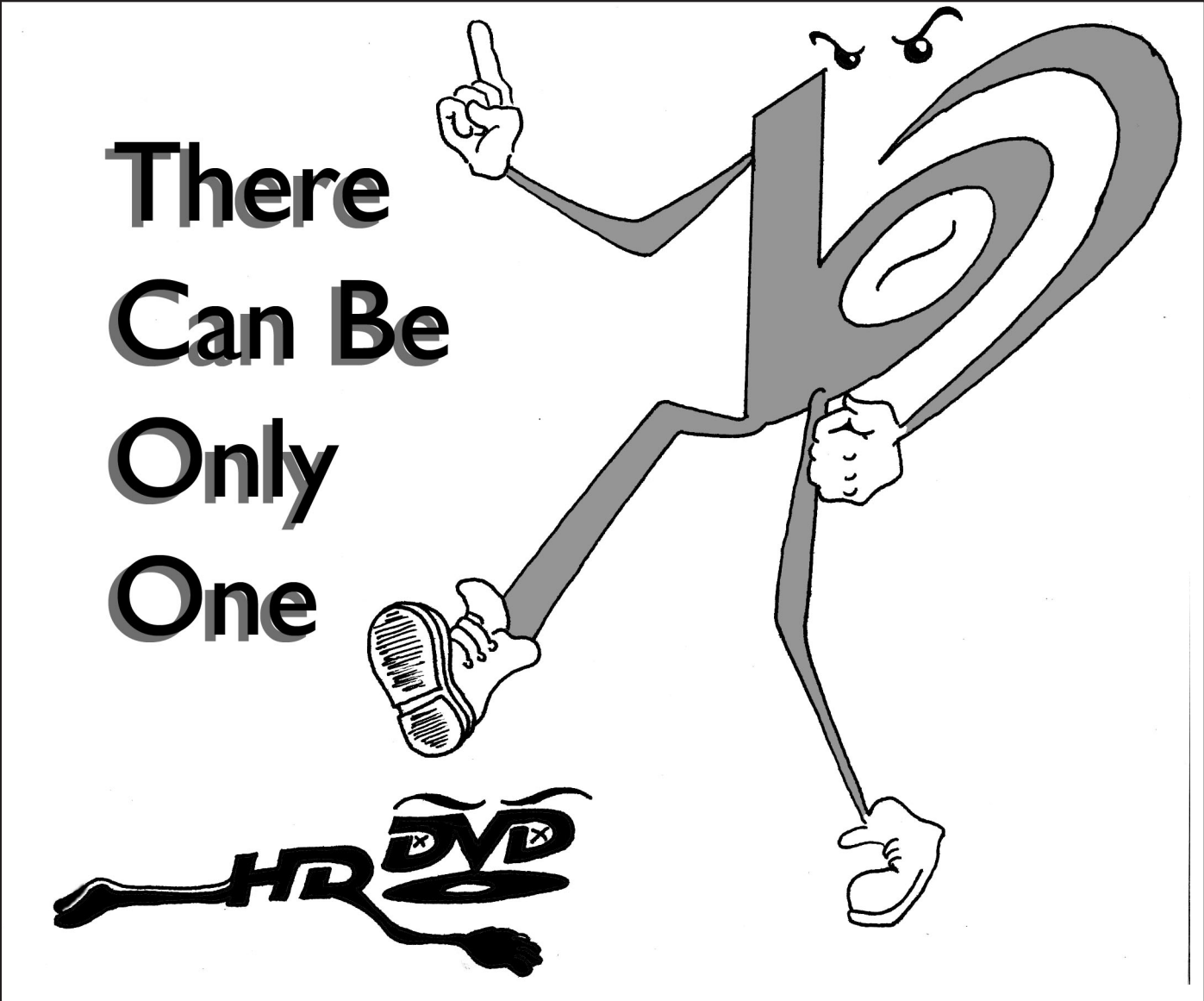
is for us to editorialize to our editorials...to respond, to explain, and to expound upon the opinions provided and printed by *The Pacer* in our weekly editions.

In addition to the blog page being readily available at the given URL, there's also an RSS service that will keep you up to date through Outlook or whatever RSS catching software you use.

You can post comments, also, so we get to read your compliments and complaints. Since I think everyone has seen what our Web site www.utmpacer.com is capable of in the comments department, we're letting you bring your opinions about us to another site entirely. We're looking forward to it... really.

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Softball off to great start, wins tournament at MTSU

UTM Athletic Communications

The UT Martin softball team recovered nicely from a tough opening day at the Middle Tennessee Classic by defeating Belmont and tournament host Middle Tennessee to claim the tournament championship.

Under raining skies, the Skyhawks opened the day with a 3-1 win over Belmont to advance into the championship game where they used a four-run fifth inning to down Middle Tennessee 4-2.

With the wins, UTM improves to 5-6 on the year and picks up its first early-season tournament championship of 2008.

“After yesterday’s games we had a heart-to-heart as a team and I think we responded very well,” said Skyhawk softball head coach Donley Canary. “I am very proud of the way the girls played today and came together as a team in both games. Even under the rainy conditions we hit the ball well and played very solid defense. The younger players also stepped up for us and made some valuable contributions, which excites me as we face another weekend of tough competition coming up.”

Against Belmont, UTM picked up two early runs in the second inning when they capitalized on a pair of Belmont errors. With one

out, Megan Williams and Greer Long reached base on back-to-back errors to set up Laurie Lindow’s two-RBI double to left field.

In the fourth inning, the Skyhawks added an insurance run. Kelsey Davis knocked a single through the right side and reached home on a Williams triple.

Also in the fourth inning, Belmont posted its lone run of the game. After advancing runners to second and third, Heather Grossnickle pushed a single to left field to score Elly Bennett.

Kara Harper picked up her first win of the season, improving to 1-2, after tossing a complete game two-hitter. Harper fanned five Bruins, while issuing only three walks. For Belmont, Sammi Parks took the loss and fell to 3-2 on the season. UTM managed nine hits off Parks and had base runners in all seven innings. For the game, UTM stranded 11 runners on base.

In the championship game against Middle Tennessee, the Blue Raiders came in seeking their third consecutive Middle Tennessee Classic Championship.

The game quickly became a slugfest with both pitching squads surrendering 10 hits apiece, but quality defense from both squads was able to strand a total of 11 base runners on the paths.

Middle Tennessee struck first with a run in the bottom of the third inning.



Senior Ashton Strode pitches during a game last season. (University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski)

Corie Abel knocked a two-out double down the left field line and advanced to third on a wild pitch from Skyhawk hurler Paij Lintz. Katie Mielke lined a single up the middle to score Abel and give Middle Tennessee an early 1-0 advantage.

UTM responded in the top of the fifth inning with a string of five hits to score four runs. Laurie Lindow reached on a single back to the pitcher, and Amber

Hayes pinch-ran for her. Chelsea Carey singled to third, moving Hayes up to second. Ashley Benbow recorded the third consecutive Skyhawk single and advanced to second on a throw attempting to gun down Hayes at the plate. The throw was off-target and the score was tied at one. After recording an out on a Megan Latimer grounder to third, Laura Roberts slapped another

single to the outfield to score Cary, the go-ahead run. Savannah Roberts then finished off the scoring in the inning with a two-RBI infield hit to shortstop that scored both Benbow and Laura Roberts.

Middle Tennessee picked up a second run in the bottom of the sixth inning when an attempted pick-off at second base sailed into center field and allowed Mielke to score. However,

it would not be enough, as the Skyhawk defense would not allow another run the rest of the game.

Paij Lintz evened her record on the year at 2-2 with her second complete game of the year. In front of a hometown crowd of family and friends, Murfreesboro native Megan Williams went 3-for-8 with an RBI and a run scored. Williams was just one of the four Skyhawks to post three hits on the day. The others were Benbow, Laura Roberts and Savannah Roberts.

The Skyhawks will now return home and prepare to host the UT Martin Hospitality House Classic next weekend at the Martin Recreational Complex. The Hospitality House Classic will feature six teams from across the country; including Dartmouth of the Ivy League, Ball State of the Mid-American Conference, Indiana State and Northern Iowa of the Missouri Valley Conference and Minnesota of the Big Ten conference.

Action will begin Friday night as Minnesota and Dartmouth face off in game one, followed by a full slate of games on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. UTM is scheduled to face Dartmouth at 10, Ball State at 12:30 and Indiana State at 3 on Saturday; on Sunday, they will play Minnesota at 10 and Northern Iowa at 12:30.

UTM’s ‘Big Three’ lead men’s hoops to sixth straight victory

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UT Martin made a dozen free throws in the final eight minutes of the game to hang on for an 81-77 victory over host Elon Saturday night in the 2008 O’Rielly Auto Parts ESPNU BracketBusters.

Senior Gerald Robinson posted his 11th double-double of the season with 25 points and 10 rebounds against Elon. Robinson’s three-pointer with 7:31 to play in the second half gave the visiting Skyhawks a 69-58 lead. The three-ball was also the last field goal the Skyhawks made in the game.

Elon used a 14-6 run capped off by a free throw by Brett James to make it a three-point game, 75-72, with 1:43 to play. The Skyhawks stretched the lead to seven points with 34 seconds to play.

The Skyhawks shot 40 percent from the field in the game. In the final seven-and-a-half minutes, the Skyhawks were limited



UTM’s Lester Hudson, left, and Gerald Robinson, middle, connect on layups last week against SEMO. Marquis Weddle, right, nails a three-pointer. (University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski)

to five attempts and missed all five.

Junior Lester Hudson sealed the Skyhawks’ win with a free throw with 10 seconds left. Hudson finished the game with 21 points and nine rebounds. He made 9-of-10 attempts from the free throw line.

Freshman Marquis Weddle added 20 points to the Skyhawks’ total and



he was 5-for-5 at the free throw line. The Skyhawks made 26-of-33 free throws for 79 percent in the game.

The trio of Robinson, Hudson and Weddle combined for 66 of the Skyhawks’ 81 points.

With the win, the Skyhawks improve to 16-14 overall and extend their winning streak to six consecutive games.



The Skyhawks are also 3-0 all-time in BracketBuster games.

The Skyhawks will close out their 2007-08 regular season Saturday, March 1 when they play at Murray State. With a win and two Eastern Kentucky losses, UTM will finish fourth in the regular season OVC standings.

Women’s basketball falls on senior night

UTM Athletic Communications

The UT Martin women’s basketball team fell to Austin Peay, 55-48, on senior night.

Crystal Fuller and Phyllisha Mitchell both netted 13 points on the night, but it wasn’t enough to down the Lady Govs.

With the loss, UTM falls to 5-24 on the year and 2-17 in Ohio Valley Conference play.

Austin Peay opened the game on a 5-0 run and never trailed the entire game. Fuller pulled the game to within one on a turn-around jumper from the block, but that would be the closest UTM would come the rest of the game.

“We missed a lot of wide open shots tonight and Austin Peay was able to out-rebound us,” said Skyhawk head coach Tara Tansil. “We can’t miss shots like that and let them out hustle

us to rebounds if we want to win.”

The Skyhawks will wrap up the 2007-08 season next Saturday when they travel to Murray, Ky., for a border showdown with rival Murray State.

“We have one game left and we are going to go up to Murray, which is a difficult place to play, and give everything that we have. We certainly are not going to hand them anything,” said Tansil

Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.



UTM’s Jennifer Angler zooms past an Eastern Kentucky defender last week. The senior is the third-leading scorer on the team. (Pacer photo/Emily Yocum)

Tennis downed at Little Rock despite strong play

UTM Athletic Communications

Despite wins at No.1 doubles and No. 1 and No. 2 singles, the UT Martin women’s tennis team dropped its third match of the season Friday to the University of Arkansas Little Rock, 5-2. The Skyhawk men, who also played the Trojans Friday, lost 7-0.

On the women’s side, for the third match in a row, senior Elizatia Schoonees and junior Ernestine Koornhof earned a No. 1 doubles victory for the Skyhawks. Schoonees and Koornhof defeated the Trojan’s No. 1 duo, Anne Weijenborg and Patricia Cortes, 8-5.

Schoonees also got a win

in her No. 1 singles match against Laetitia Bourgeon. Schoonees came back after a first-set loss to down Bourgeon 2-6, 6-1 and 6-4. At the No. 2 singles spot, Skyhawk junior Sara Leavy defeated UALR’s Weijenborg in two sets, 6-4 and 6-2. With the victory, Leavy increased her singles winning streak to three games.

Still, the strong performances by Leavy, Schoonees and Koornhof were not enough to gain the edge over the Trojans, who picked up their ninth win of the season against UTM.

At No. 3 singles, UALR’s Marta Jordana snapped Belisa de Brito’s two-game winning streak, 6-1 and

6-4. De Brito paired up with Leavy at the No. 2 doubles position, but the Skyhawk tandem lost 8-2 to the Trojans’ Bourgeon and Rebecca Van Den Houte.

The UTM women (1-3) will now gear up for Ohio Valley Conference competition, which begins March 7 at Tennessee State.

The Skyhawk men dropped to 2-3 on the season after their 7-0 loss at UALR Friday evening. The Trojans swept the UTM men in doubles and picked up victories in all six singles matches to shutout the Skyhawks for the first time this year.

UTM junior Stephan Bruwer narrowly missed a win in his No. 2 singles match, ultimately falling to

the Trojans’ German Perez, 7-6 and 7-6. At the No. 6 singles spot, Skyhawk sophomore Petr Markov lost his first singles match in nearly a month when UALR’s Igor Nikitin broke Markov’s three-game unbeaten streak in two swift sets, 6-4 and 6-1.

In doubles, Bruwer and Andrey Yesipov lost 8-2 playing No. 1, Christian Slabbert and Alfredo Krywacz went down at No. 2, 8-4, and Markov and Stewart McRae were defeated 8-4 at the No. 3 spot.

The Skyhawk men travel to the University of Louisville Wednesday to face the 8-2 Cardinals. OVC play also begins for the men on March 7 at Tennessee State.

Baseball gears up for season with tourney

John Summers Sports Editor

The UT Martin baseball team opened the 2008 season in a tournament at South Carolina Upstate over the weekend.

Although the team did not pick up a win, they faced three tough opponents in South Carolina Upstate, George Washington and New Jersey Tech.

Senior Calen Sutton pitched three and one-third innings without allowing any earned runs and struck out three batters in the process. Senior Travis Webb allowed only one run in the

same amount of innings pitched.

Senior outfielder Blake Turner led the way offensively for the Skyhawks. Turner had three RBIs in the tournament.

On a team with only six freshmen and three sophomores, the upperclassmen will be forced to lead this year’s team. They showed that they were prepared in the tournament.

UTM will play at Memphis on Tuesday. Their home-opener will be Wednesday against Southern Illinois at 2 p.m. They will also face Creighton in a home series Friday through Sunday.